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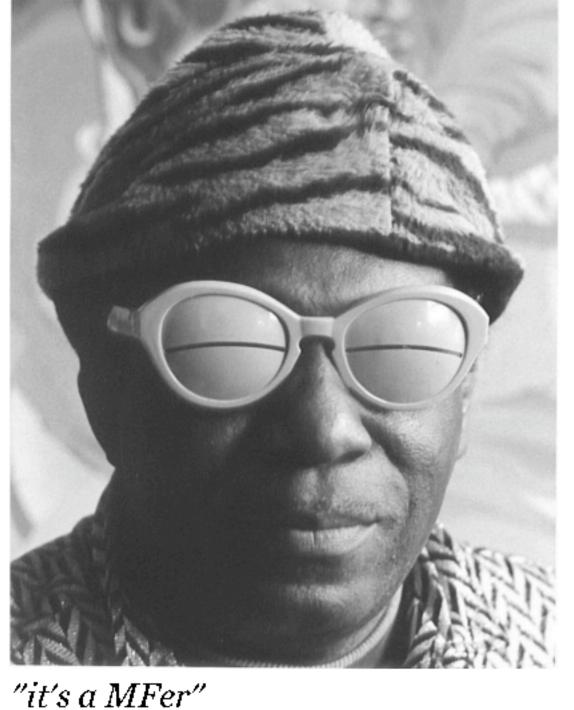
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#### SO ... YOU'RE MAURICE CHEVALIER, HUN?

YOW it's July already again! This issue of Mothers News is our 27th, pretty weird- if a month were a year we'd be in our Saturn's return weird period. But a month isn't a year, everything is itself, and we're just in our regular weird period again / still / already. Anyway we're well into our third cycle of publishing, I guess that's an accomplishment. We didn't publish last month, we took a vacation. But actually we didn't take a vacation, we just sat around. Anywayyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyy...

July is a great exciting month, or anyway no less so than any other. What are you going to do this month? wear flip flops? Cut your cut off shorts more off? The Japanese have a term- wabi-sabi-- it refers to a beauty that is fleeting, unfinished, in the process of being undone, with the awareness of every stage of the beauty (including its fall). A cherry blossom that blooms once and spectacularly then falls, that's a good example of wabisabi. A seriously ratty and torn up pair of cut off shorts is another good examplebeautiful and in passing, exploding in vitality towards ruin and disgrace.



WHOOPS

Speaking of primeval explosions, July 16th is the biggest day in July- it's Trinity Day, when humanity entered the Atomic Age. That was in 1945, at the Trinity test site outside Alamogordo New Mexico, with the first testing of an atomic device. Trinity Day is a weird observance and a weird day, representing the current apex of our culture's desire to unzip a thing, open a box, try to eat an item, or even just roll the dice, at basically any cost. The Atomic Age gave way to the Age of Information, but basically they're the same age, it's just a translation I think. Or maybe you can be in multiple ages simultaneously? Maybe declaring what age it is a product of a different (pre-atomic) age...

Anyway the Atomic Age introduced a number of concepts useful for modern life: from a purely alchemical (which is to say, philosophical) standpoint there's "critical mass", "meltdown", "fall out" and "ultimate bottom-level introspection in ideal circumstance that begets massive exothermic chain reaction (that miiiiiiight set the atmosphere on fire, we aren't quite sure, in t-minus 10, 9, 8, 7...)". I guess these aren't really new ideas, or at least this last one (or a variant thereof) isn't-- for thousands of years Zen monks have safely (?) harnassed the power of splitting the bit (aka one on/off decision, which is the information-equivalent of an atom).

#### UFO OR DIY

July begins "the dog days of summer", a period of stupid high temperatures matched with the flooding of the Nile (that's in the Cradle Of Civilization FYI). The dog days are named for the Dog Star, Sirius, which rises in the sky at the same time as the sun this time of year, or used to before the sky changed. What's the deal with the Dog Star? There's a lot of mystical stuff about it, coming from a variety of otherwise unrelated cultures, relating to ancient astronauts with fish-like composures and requirements, and astronomical peculiarities that science has only recently discovered, encoded in myth. It could be nothing... Sirius is the closest star to our sun, and the brightest star in the sky, certainly bright enough to bear notice-- if you're going to pin occult origins on an astronomical object, it's the best choice (especially considering that the sun is too important and the moon is too close). Still it's nice to think of scaley beings from outside our realm of understanding, hanging out in Northeast Africa in 3000 BC, just hanging out, trying the food, checking out the radio. The civilization was tight enough to already have cool parties, but loose enough that they didn't have explosives or sociopaths yet. Ug, imagine if they came to party now? What a mess... Still we honor the Dog Star and its denizens by calling our friends "our dogs", and our feet, when they're barking all day. And duh, we call our god "God", that's how awesome / chill / ready to hang out or just do whatever these legendary space dogs were / are. The people they visited were (and still are) called the Dogon, possibly short for "Sretsamons Dogon" (hint- spell it backwards... and... we're in!). If you're having a hard time believing in space people on Earth, remember that the Earth is always hurtling through space and we are all travelers. We are all here... we are all here to go... Space... Space is the place... On a hot night this month look up. Look up at Updog. "What's Updog?" you ask... Not much, just hanging out...

#### of course

And of course that's not to say that the outer space realm is one of pure beauty, blue lycra, crystal storage, pangendered werewolves, synthesizer solos, apricot lipgloss, chill elders, and universal peace harmony rainbow-- it's only reasonable to assume that biological life in space is much like biological life on earth-confusing, chaotic, and around for basically no reason.



#### FOOD OF THE LOWLANDS

Jenine Bressner:

Firstly, eat the berries. The strawberries and blueberries in late August were the best I can remember ever having eaten. This very sensitive palette usually works hard to avoid sweets, wheats, and dairy, but when you're in the Netherlands you should probably eat everything, just because you can. The gooseberries may be a bit tart, but that's life, and tell me, where are you going to find gooseberries in Rhode Island?

You know those cheeses, Gouda and Edam? Those are towns here. There are cows everywhere, you can see them from the trains! They still live in the idyllic pastures of Flemish paintings, and their dairy products taste like it.

What is a typical Dutch breakfast? Great bread and hella good cheese. What's a typical Dutch lunch? More of breakfast, no kidding!

Okay, top three things to eat in the Netherlands:

Stroopwafels (pronounced "strope waffles") are thin, crisp waffles filled with butter caramel syrup. Get them fresh, or try the bigger ones at the grocery store.

Soesjes (pronounced "soosh-yiss") are eggy little brioche puffs filled with whipped fresh cream. Fresh! No hydrogenated oil and corn syrup sludge!

Haring (pronounced "ha- ring") are fresh, raw herring filets without scales and bones, sprinkled with diced onions and served raw. Rich, oily, and delicious!

Bonus points- If you can find Liège waffles, do try them, They're a little denser in a wonderful way, riddled with gems of pearl sugar! liegewaffle.wordpress.com has a serious recipe.



Cybele Collins:

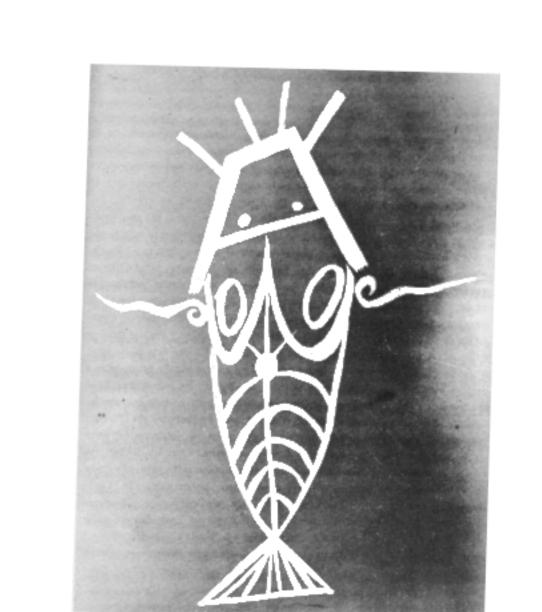
The main food in Belgium are the french fries. They are eaten with a wide variety of tasty sauces, most based in mayonnaise but flavored with curry or garlic. Even a small village will have at least|one frites shop, a frittarie. People often take the dog-biscuit-like half-fakemeat-products-on-sticks with their fries, which have names like Bicky Burger.

Belgium works as two separate parts and the Flemish *k*ulture and language of the North is continuous with the Netherlands, a separate country of taller people, but all are Lowlanders and eat pickled herring, and mainly bread and cheese. They really do bike everywhere, so the cheese isn't a national health hazard, though anorexia is becoming one. I wondered if that had to do with boredom.

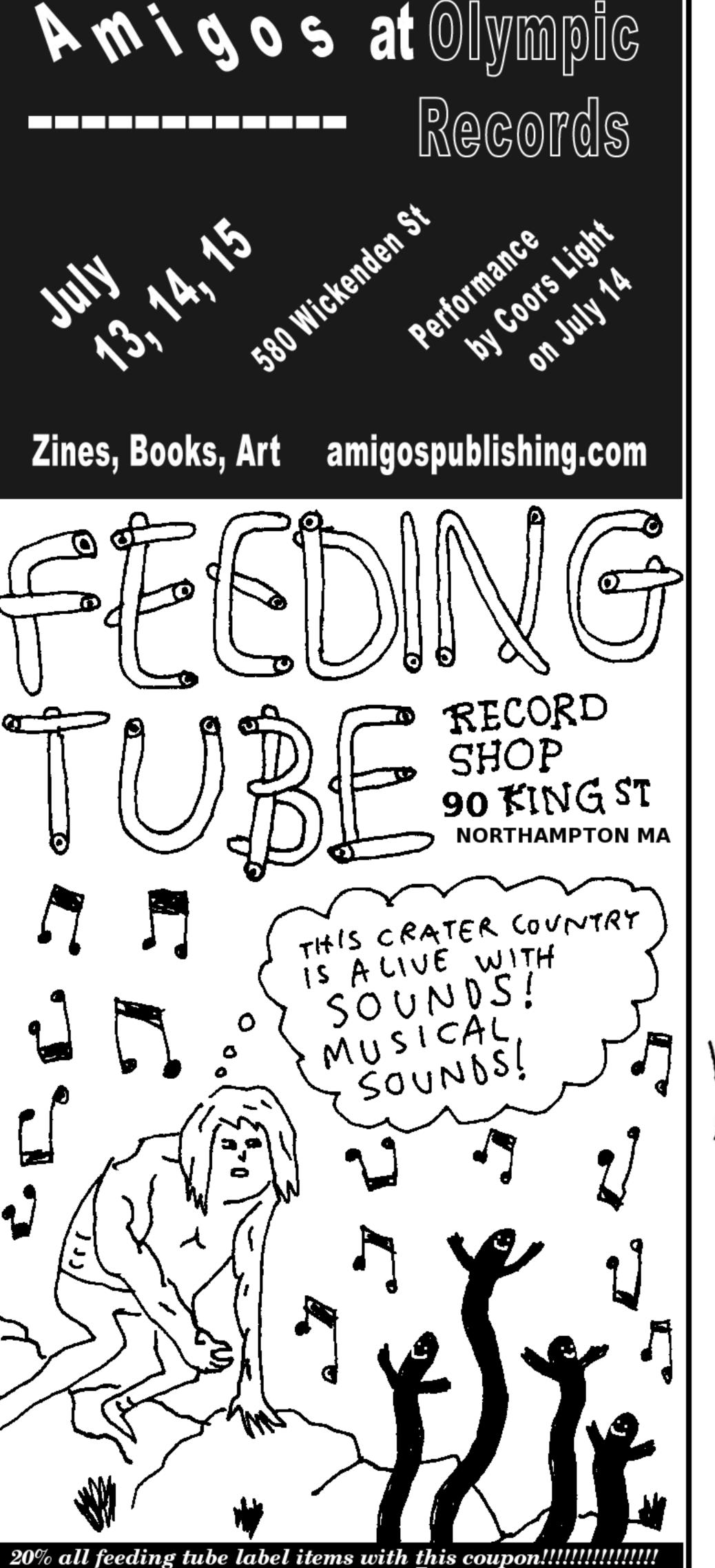
The food could be described as perpetual-post-war. About every other war on the continent or historical band of ransackers has been through Belgium. The pale vegetable called the endive was invented because a Fleming hid his plants from invaders under a field under some straw, and they grew without light as some strange, bitter white thing.

I don't know much about the Walloons, the southern Frenchspeakers, but it's questionable if they qualify as Lowlanders. They were Flemings at some point but their land is hilly. I know that they also eat mussels (Jean-Claude Van Damme: muscles from Brussels: why it's funny) and the double-fried frites, as well as the waffles from stands or vending machines instead of pretzels, cookies, pizza, or tacos.

Also available are sandwiches with spreads in a splendid variety of meat-flavored mayonnaises.





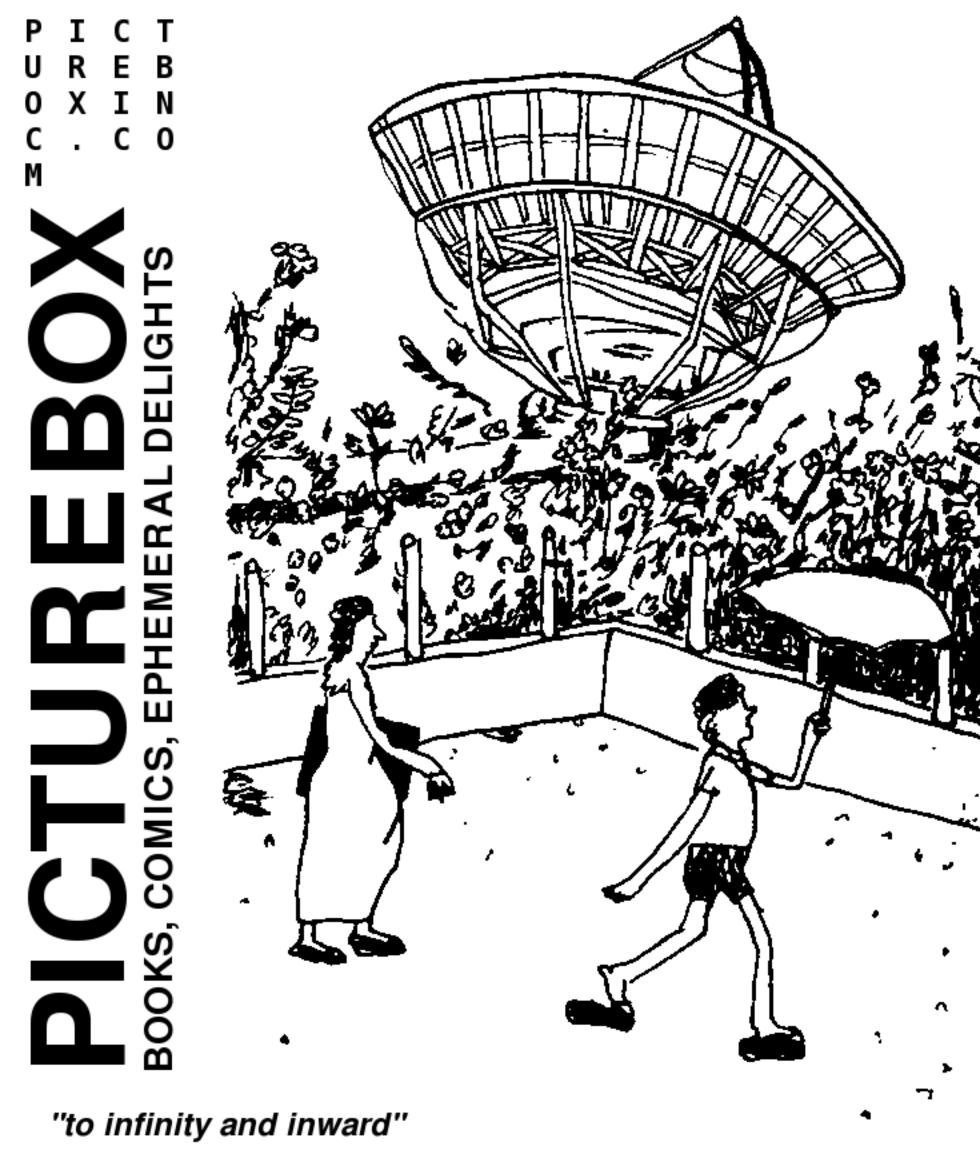


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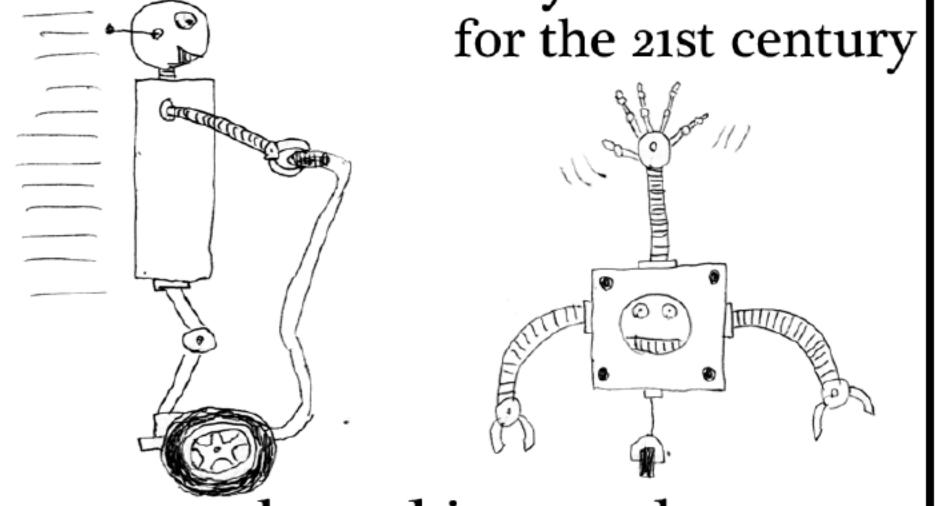
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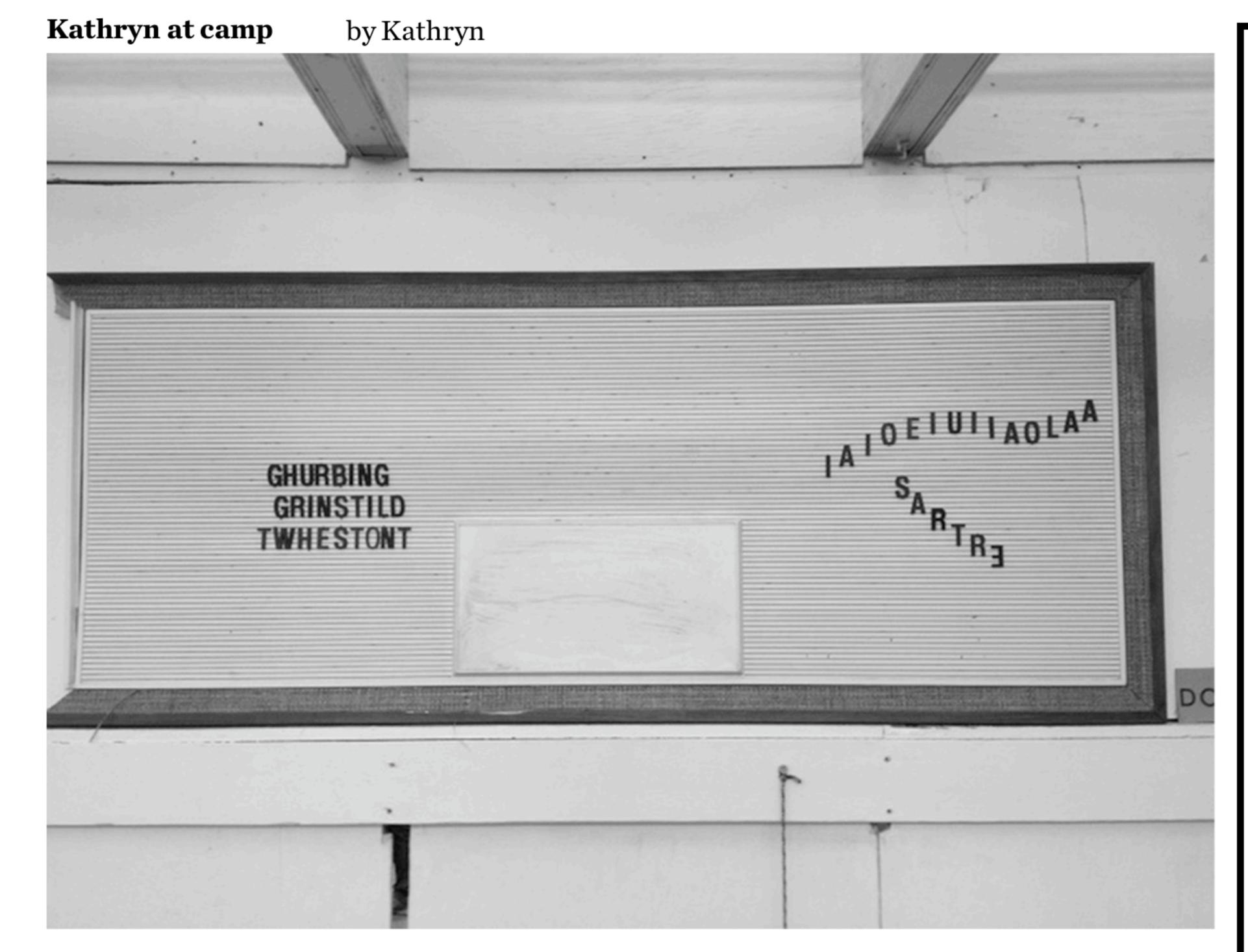
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2. PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE FIREWORKS AT ALL- I have no respect for this opinion but I still like you. But you're wrong!!

3. PAPERBACK BOOKS- All the paperback books in my life are in just two categories-"Classics" and "Weirdies". But I suppose the total population of paperback books on Earth is better represented by the breakdown "Classics/Weirdies" and "Other"

4. COFFEE SHOP WITH FREE REFILLS AND NO WIFI- Perfect combo, never change.

5. CHOCOLATE MILK- When you put a lot of syrup in your chocolate milk it's called a "Gary Panter". NB: You have to put really a lot! Drinking chocolate milk makes your comic books come out better- I don't have six nines on this (aka i'm not 99.9999% sure) but I'm pretty sure this is the case.

6. PAINTING A DICK ON YOUR ROOF-Don't need to over-explain this one! Killer joke that can't be done enough. Dates back to Neolithic times. If you involve others in this prank they'll try to get you to write a word or a name-don't be selfish. Work alone, stay the course.

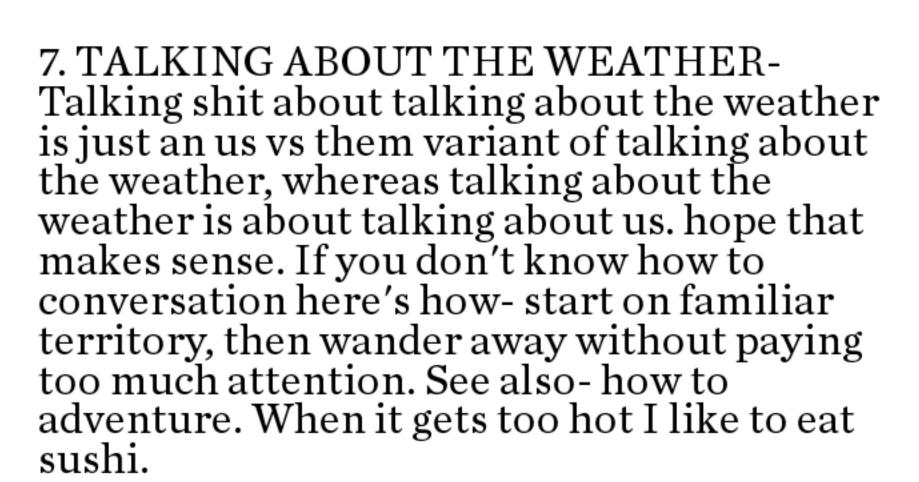
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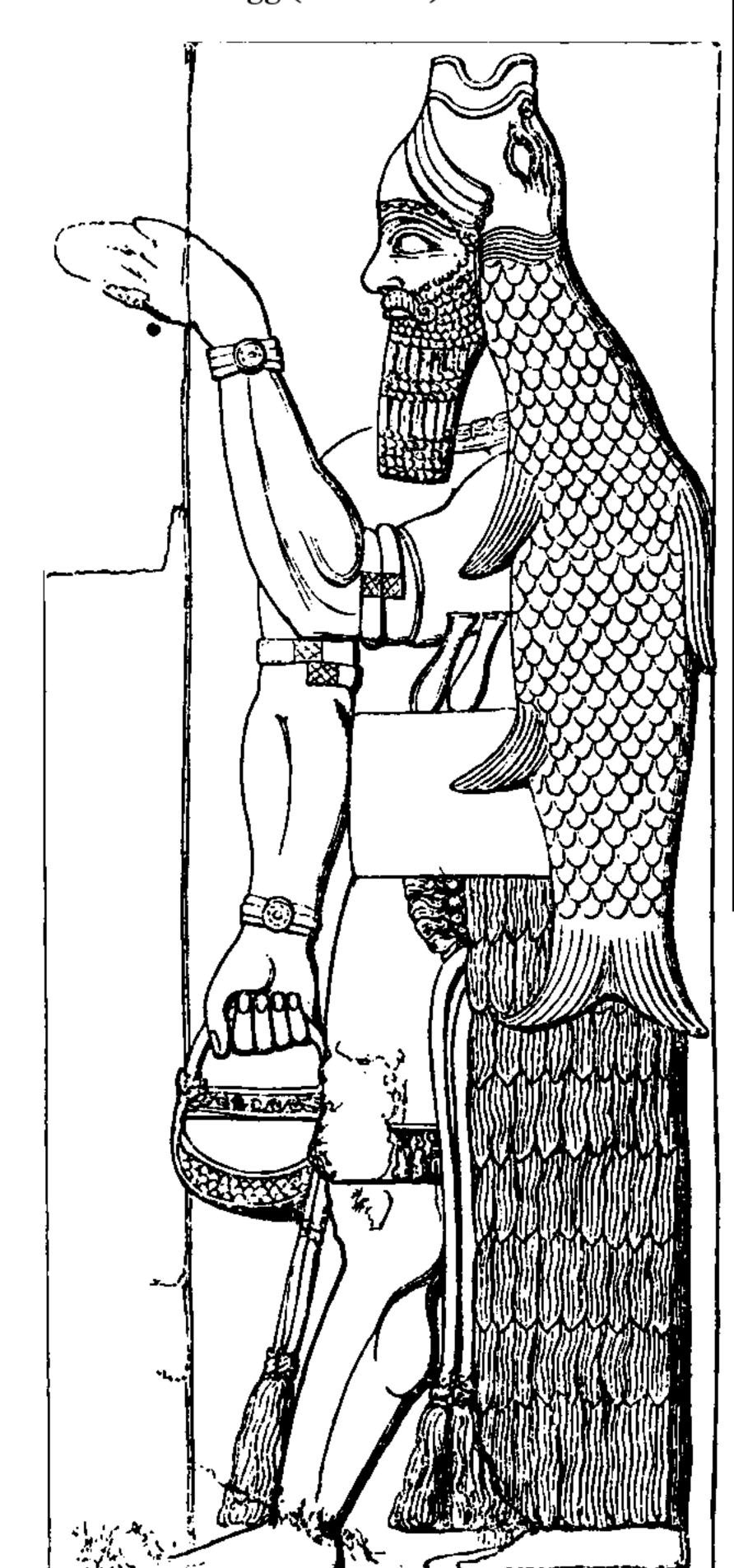
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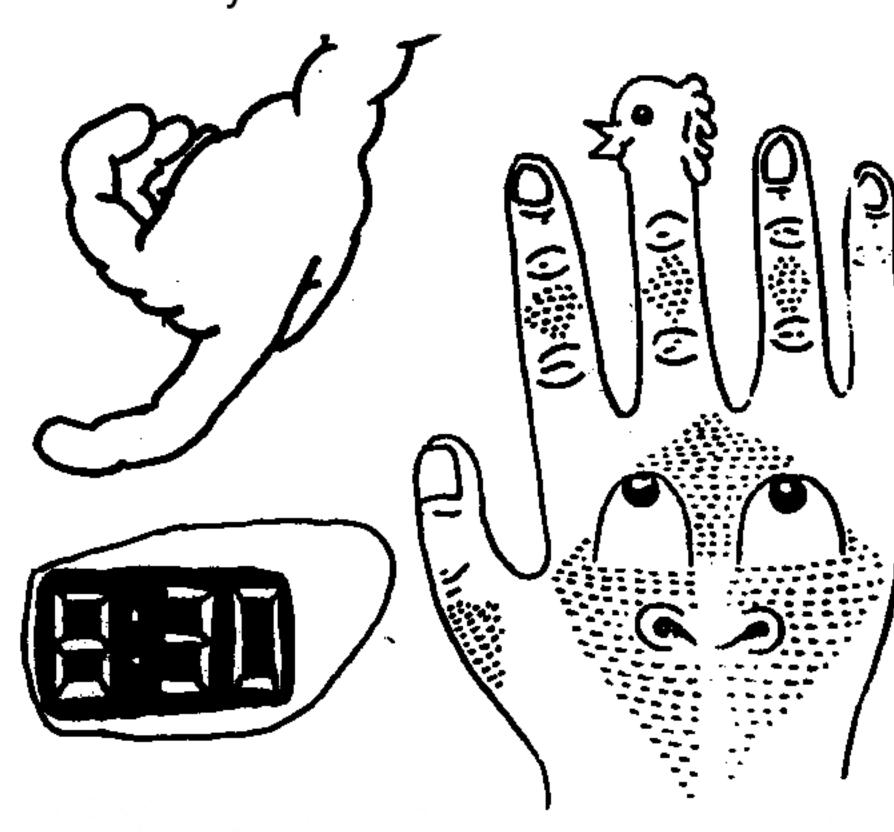
9. TOM PETTY- He played himself in that 5 hour Kevin Costner Mad Max horse movie, and music is good. Am I wrong in thinking that Tom Petty is the weed version of Bruce Springsteen? And John Cougar Mellencamp is the sweatpants version?

10. SUMMER MUSIC-There's music that sounds like winter, music that sounds like fall, music that sounds like spring, and music that sounds like summer. Ideal summer music has Nate Dogg (or could).



THE AMBROSE BIERCE MEMORIAL WORD JUMBLE

by Ambrose Bierce before he died



GNARID One of the most conspicuous qualities of a man in security

MELCKIANPATO A rich thief

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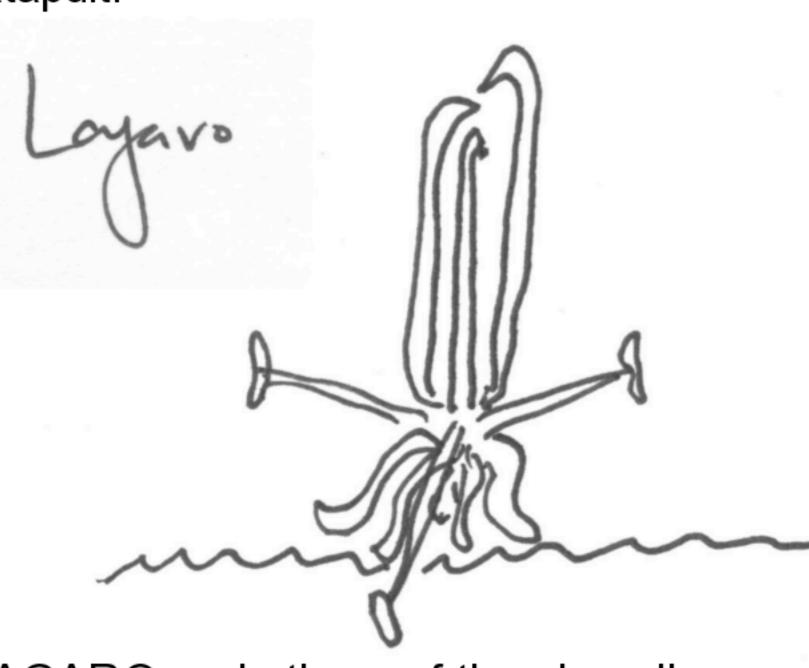
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There are lots ocean plants; seaweeds and stuffthat's where plants came from. But there are really not a lot of ocean flowers. Flowers evolved after the move to land, so every time you see a flower in the ocean, it means it's ancestor lept from land back to ocean. Like how whales sort of used to be bears.

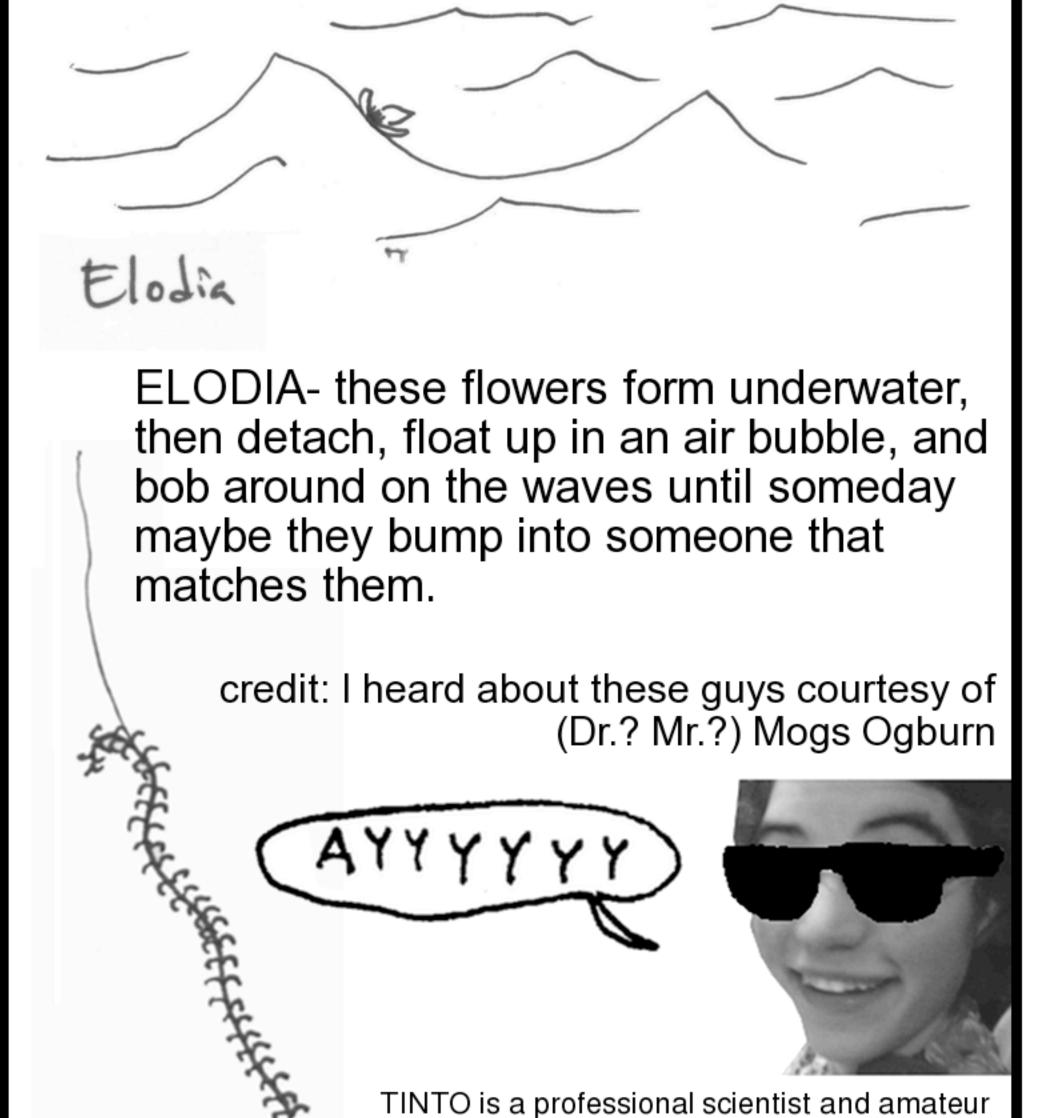
Here are some nice ways flowers can find each other, to do their business, in the drink.



HYDRILLA - when these flowers blossom, their petals rub up on themselves and get dusted with pollen. then they snap open real fast— a pollen catapult.



LAGARO- only three of the six pollen-making organs on this flower actually make pollen. the other three instead make little sails.



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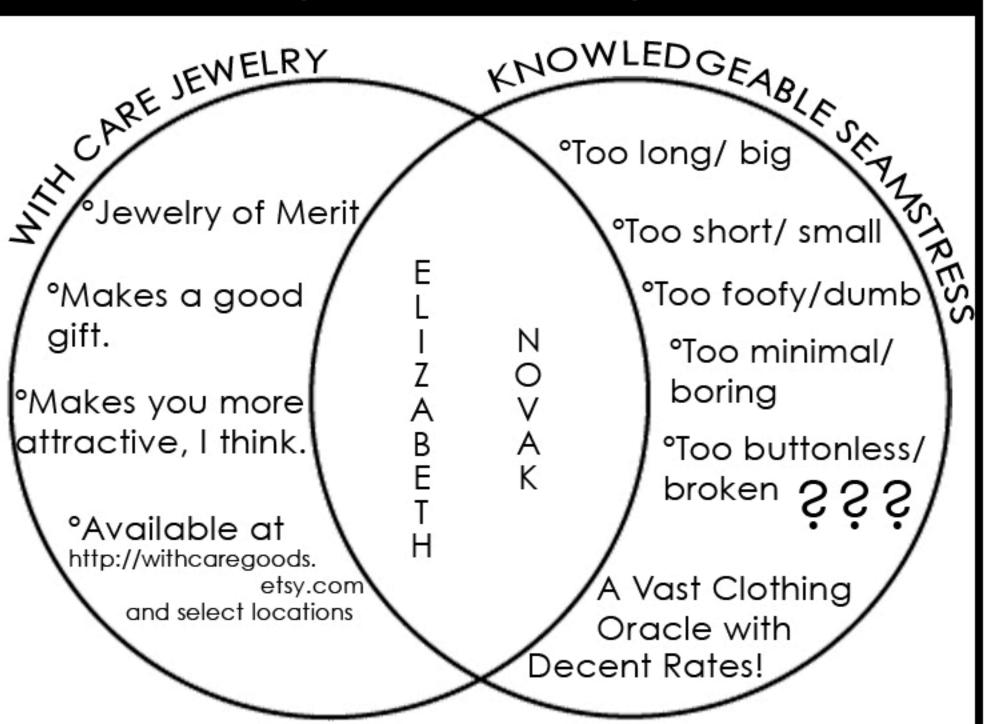




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Dear Tomato Bread--

Is the newspaper over? I couldn't find the June issue anywhere, and then I checked back on the May issue and saw the ever-present tarot card for that issue was THE TOWER, which is pretty ominous!!! The text cast kind of a happy light on it, but was this a dodge? Did you fall from grace? Or considering what was left conspicuously UNsaid, did your momentous undertaking suffer a confusion of tongues? (ed-this is in reference to the Tower of Babel, as described in the Bible). If you're not publishing anymore, too bad, it was the only thing like it I liked, but it's weirdly satisfying to think that you were struck down by hubris. If you were NOT struck down by hubris, and you ARE publishing again (and this letter goes to press) then allow me to say GO SEA-EAGLES! GUDGER COLLEGE 2015!!! WOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!

sincerely

Dear A,

Obviously, this is happening. You're reading the new issue of the paper right now (or having it described to you somehow) (or reading it later). We just went on vacation, and we said as much in the previous issue, so calm down because everything's fine. Or anyway it's as it was, or anyway it's traveling at the same rate in basically the same trajectory or at least its rate is changing at the rate the rate was changing before, still (file under: Hubris Abatement). Anyway it's nice to get your letter. In re: the Tower, it's pretty weird you didn't catch our substantial coverage of the confusion of tongues (Language Lab: Cupertino Effect) in that same issue. But also: Hubris? I guess we have a different read on the Tower of Babel story!

To those not as well-versed in Bible stories, the story concerns descendents of Noah, who, after The Great Flood, did not disperse across the earth but all hung out in one spot, and started to build a cool tower up to heaven, and "make a name". To dispell these efforts, God gave each person a different language, so that they couldn't communicate what needed to be built, and then everyone went somewhere else with their own language (NB: this is where the word "babble" gets it's meaning). So why did this happen? The Bible is suprisingly not very revealing w/r/t motives, but we can rule out hubris, which is a farily heavy rap for the Old Testament, and would've warranted a perhaps heavier (or actual) punishment, rather than the tactical solution that the confusion of tongues presented. It's this newspaper's interpretation that this act is more likely attributable to:

- A general desire to scatter things around (aka the second law of thermodynamics) - A preference on the part of the godhead for massive plurality of worship (and plurality in general)

- Playfulness

Fundamentalist readers would be WELL ADVISED to consider these angles, especially plurality, which we could also call "denial of monoliths". It's not for nothing that "Babel" and "Bible" are NEARLY THE SAME WORD.

And while we're on the subject of paths to heaven, we would like to deny that this newspaper is the only thing of its sort that you like- what about little baby ducks? Old pick-up trucks? Slow moving trains? And rain?

> Sincerely, T Omato Bread

Dear Tomato Bread-

Do you have any advice for someone just getting started in zines/books/publishing? sincerely

Cash Hill

Dear M\$ Hill

Work to find a cheap or free printing solution, always leave at least a 1/4" margin, and if you use computer image editing software, name your layers. If you're just getting into it, prioritize publishing often and kind of crappy over infrequently and elaborate. Definitely mess up a lot, then learn (the definition of "learn" puposefully left vague). If you're going to print a few, xerox. If you're going to print upwards of 300 (advanced level), contact an offset printer and get a quote. Decide to lose money for 10 years. Give them away, mail them away. This isn't going to make any sense but: be as much like a bird as you can.

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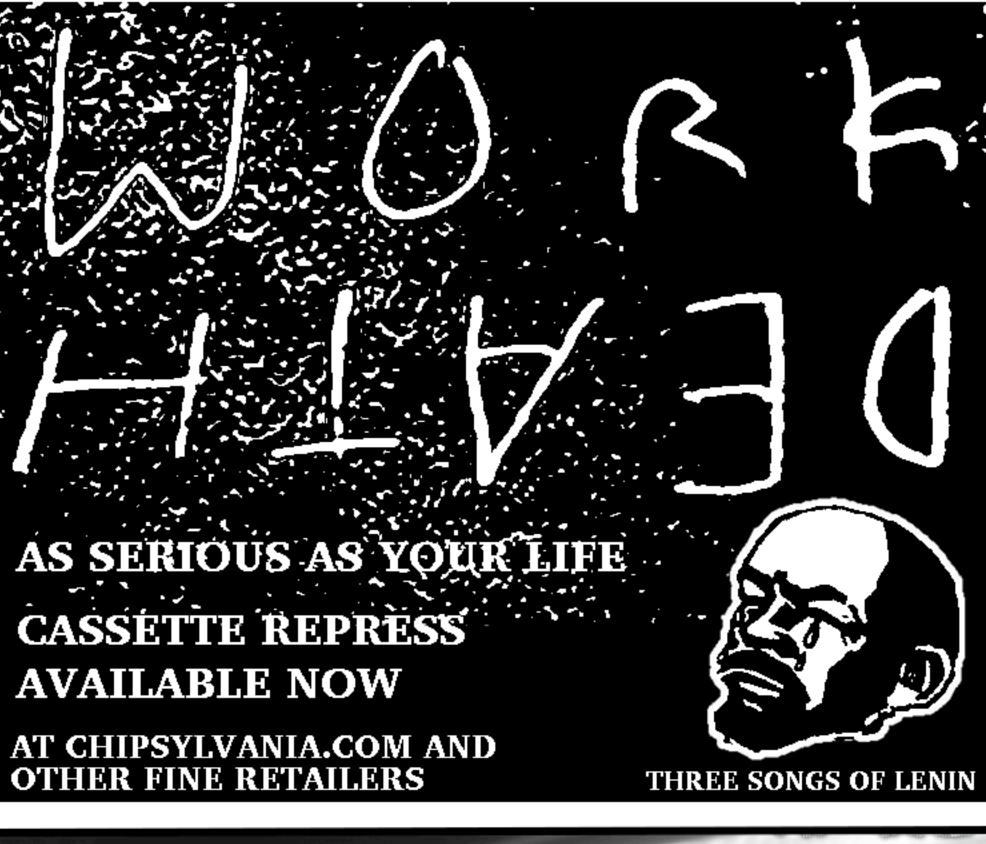
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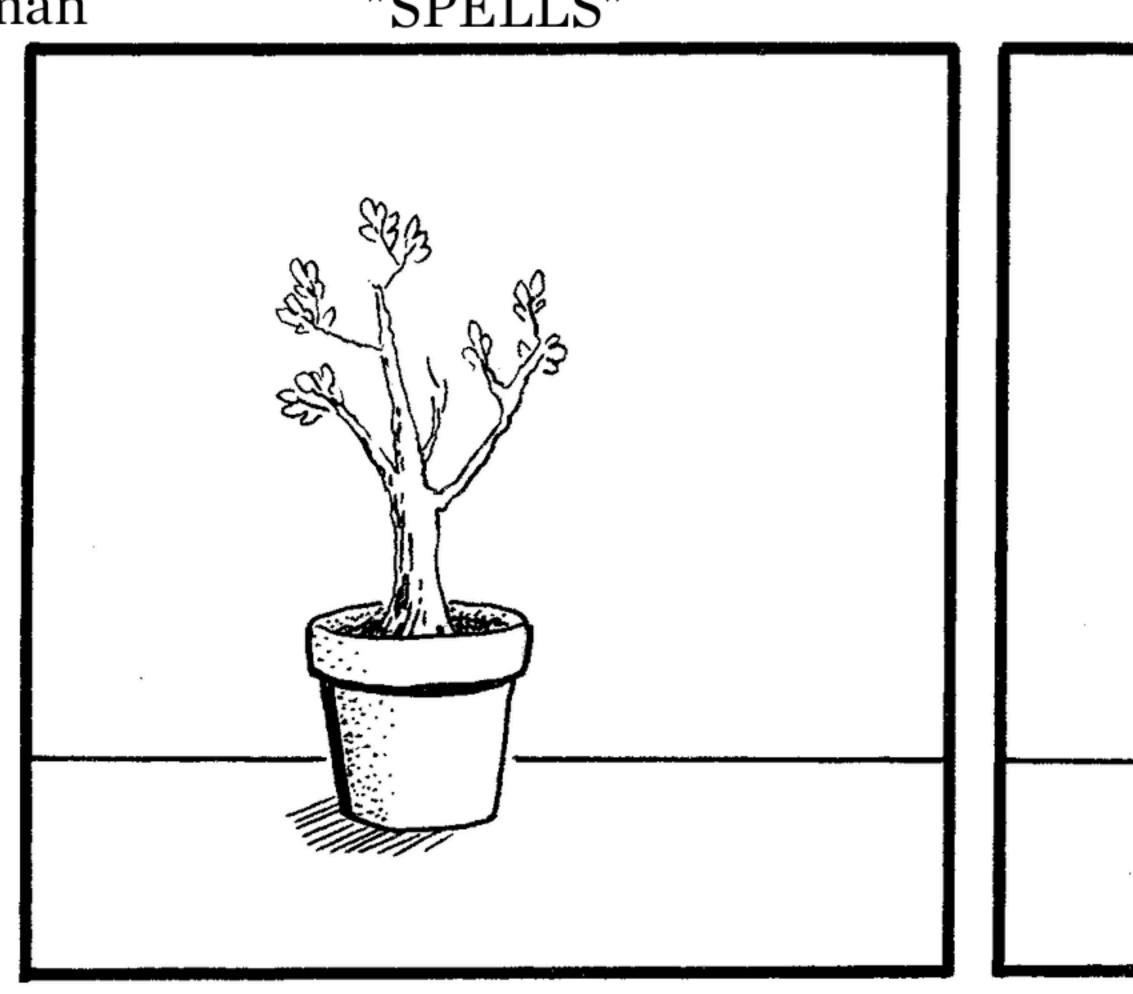
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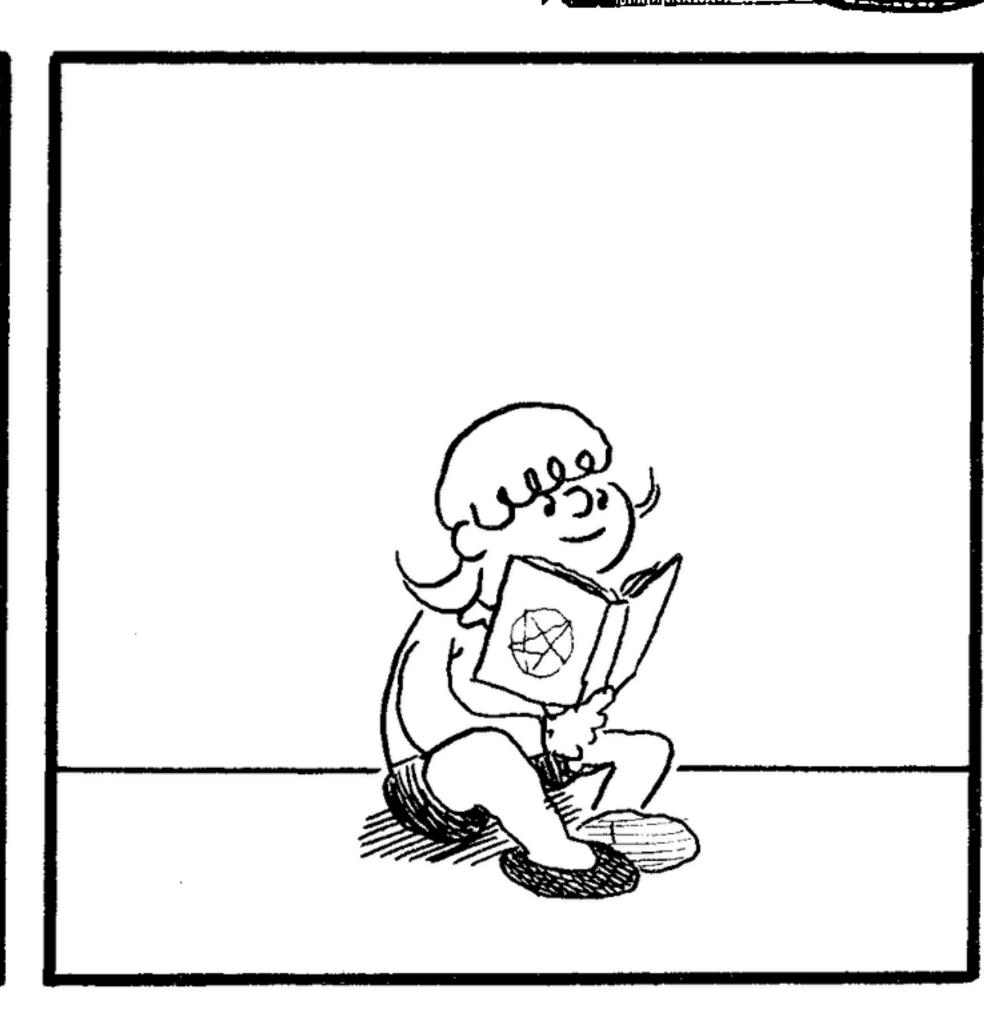
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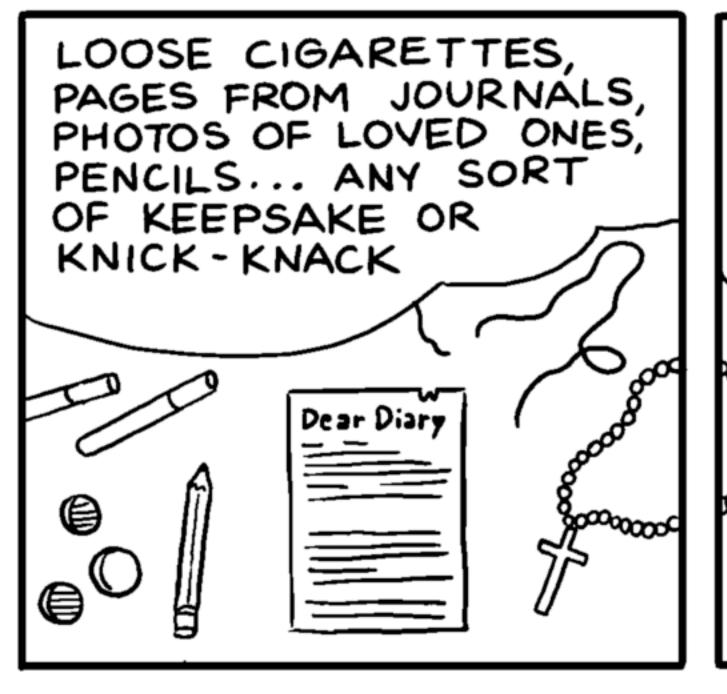












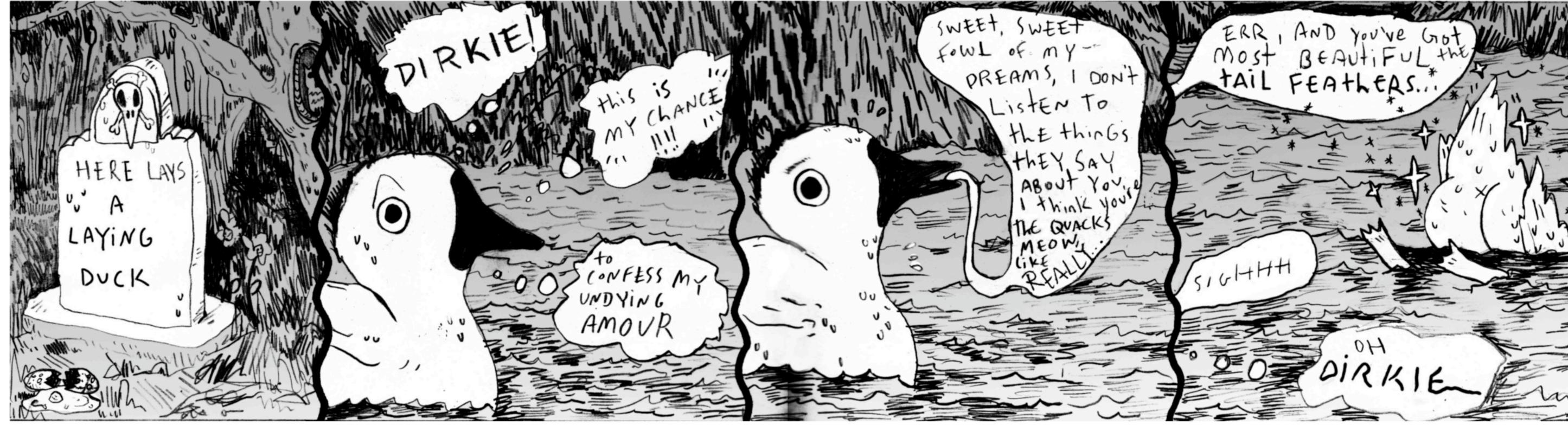
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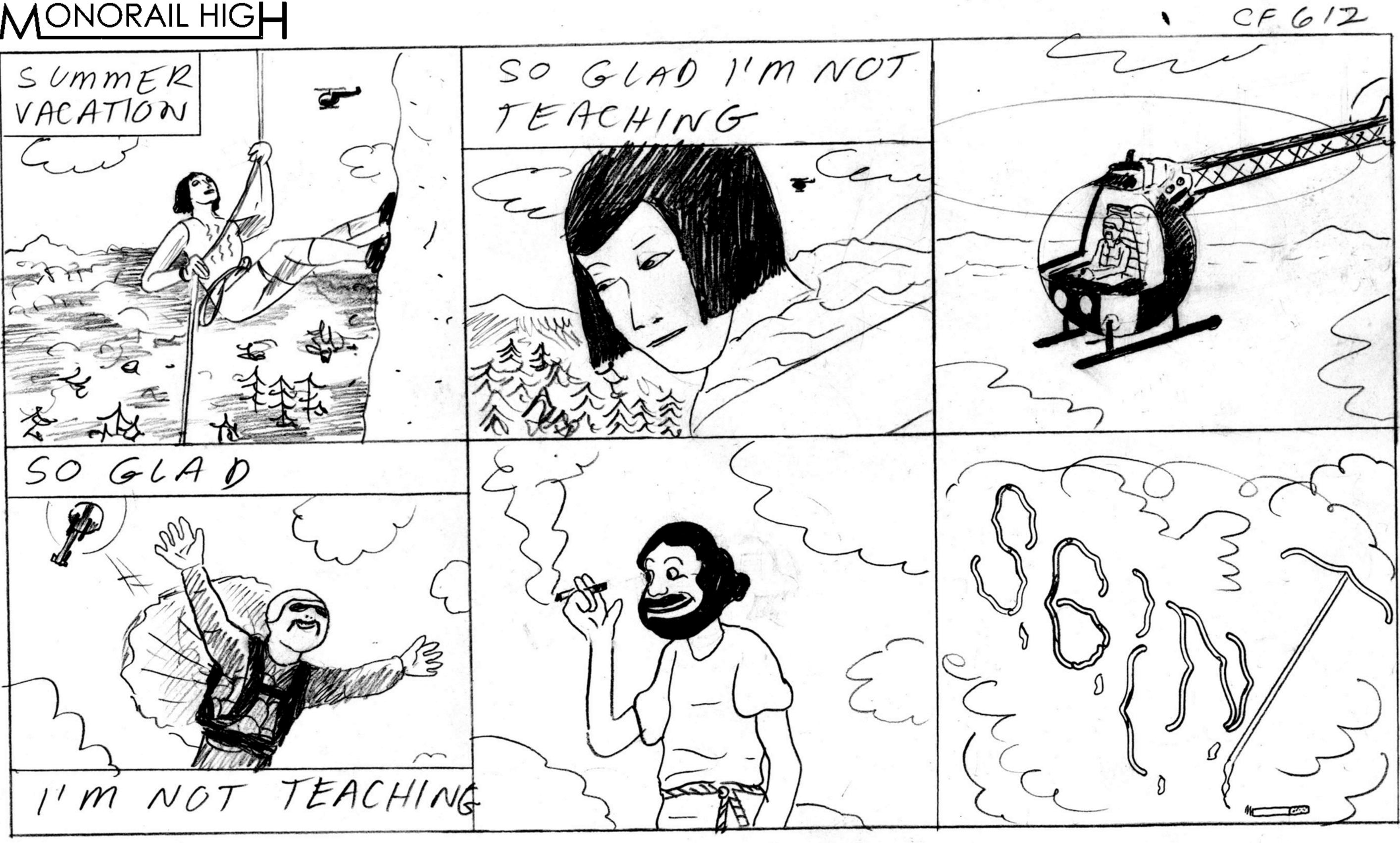
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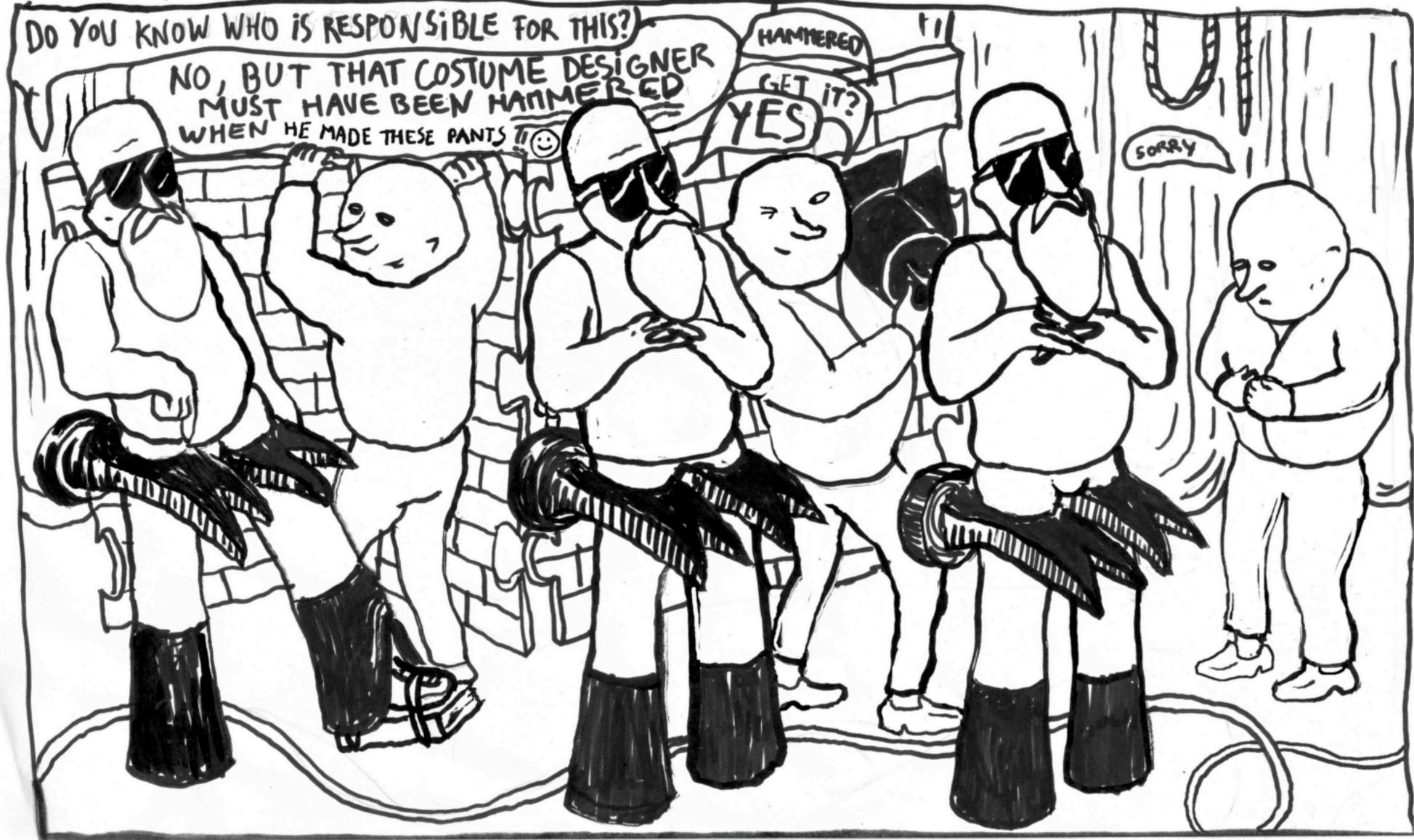




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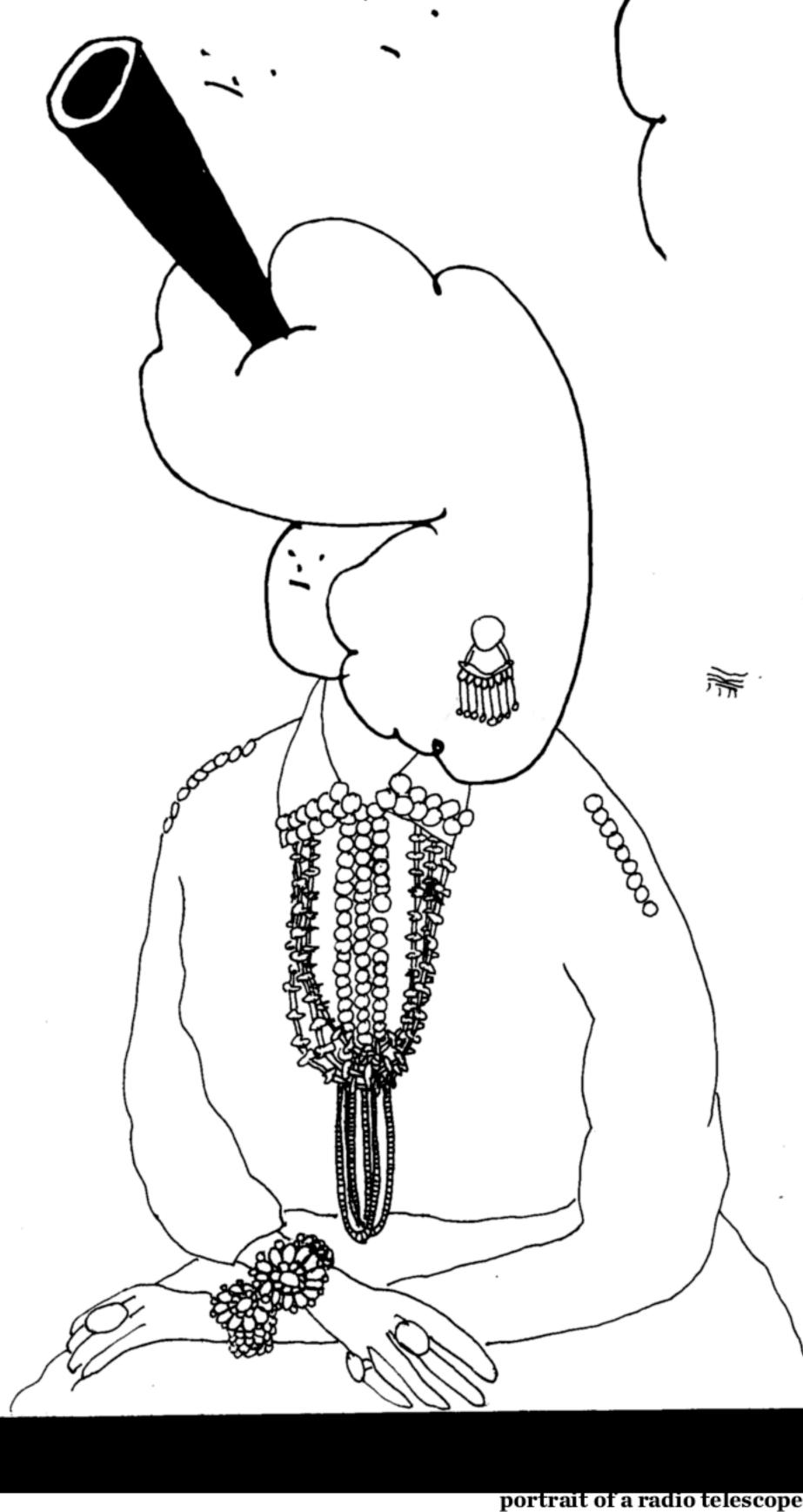


#### THE SAINT by Kate Schapira THE SAINT OF FORTS AND SECRET PLACES

There was the River for Washing and fishing, and springs of Water for Drinking. The Beech Trees all around them kept the Wind off.

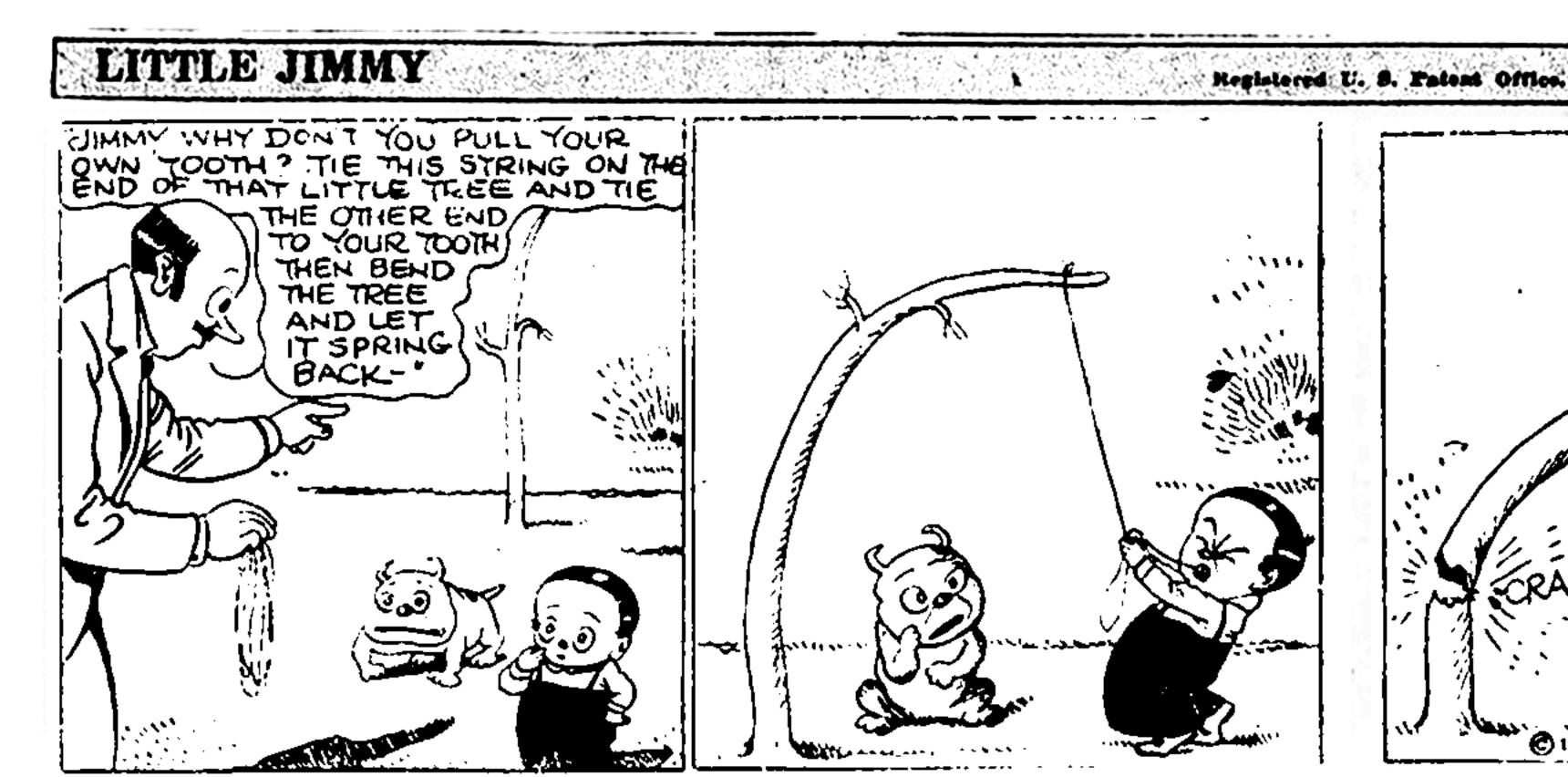
The slope added loneliness to their vision. Grass fell under them. The tire swing swung the earth away, bringing boys closer to nausea and heaven.

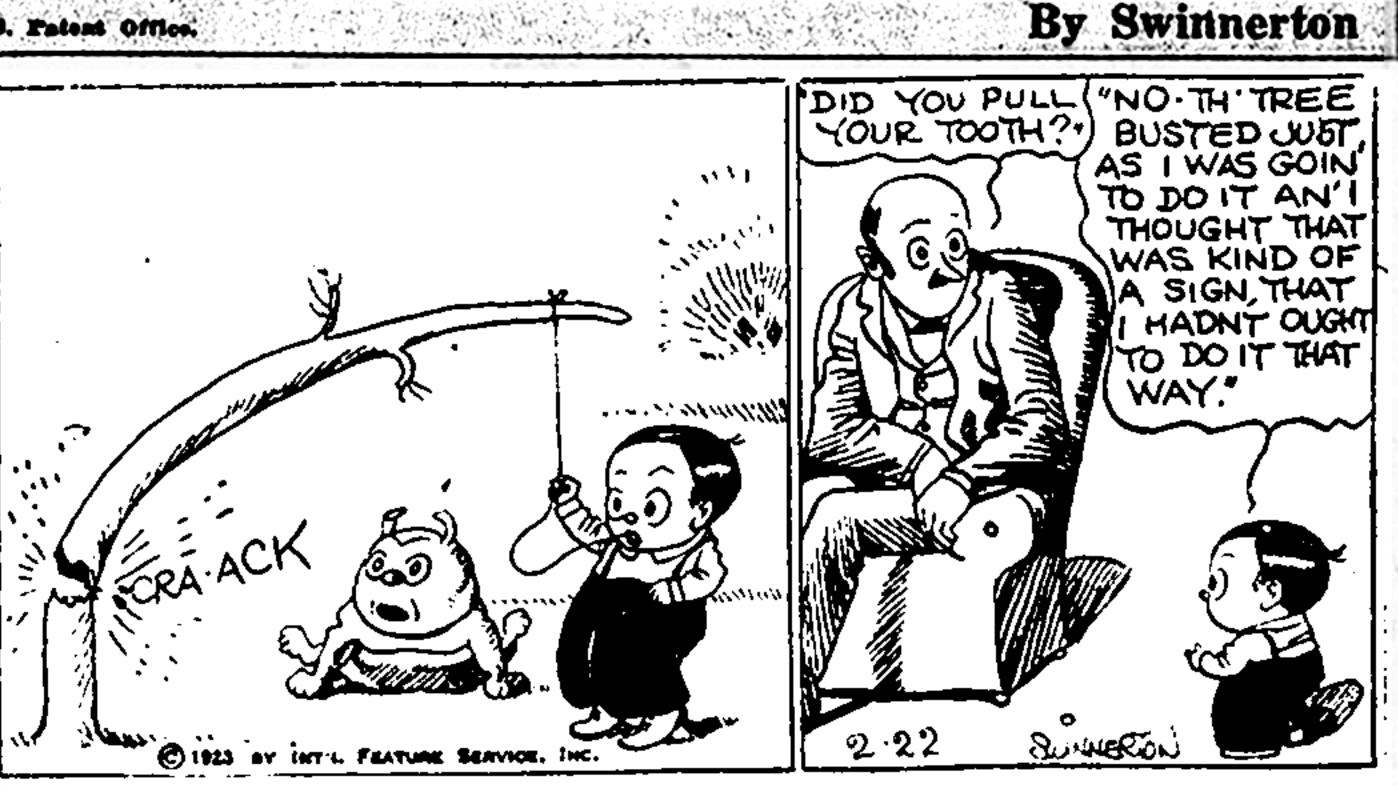
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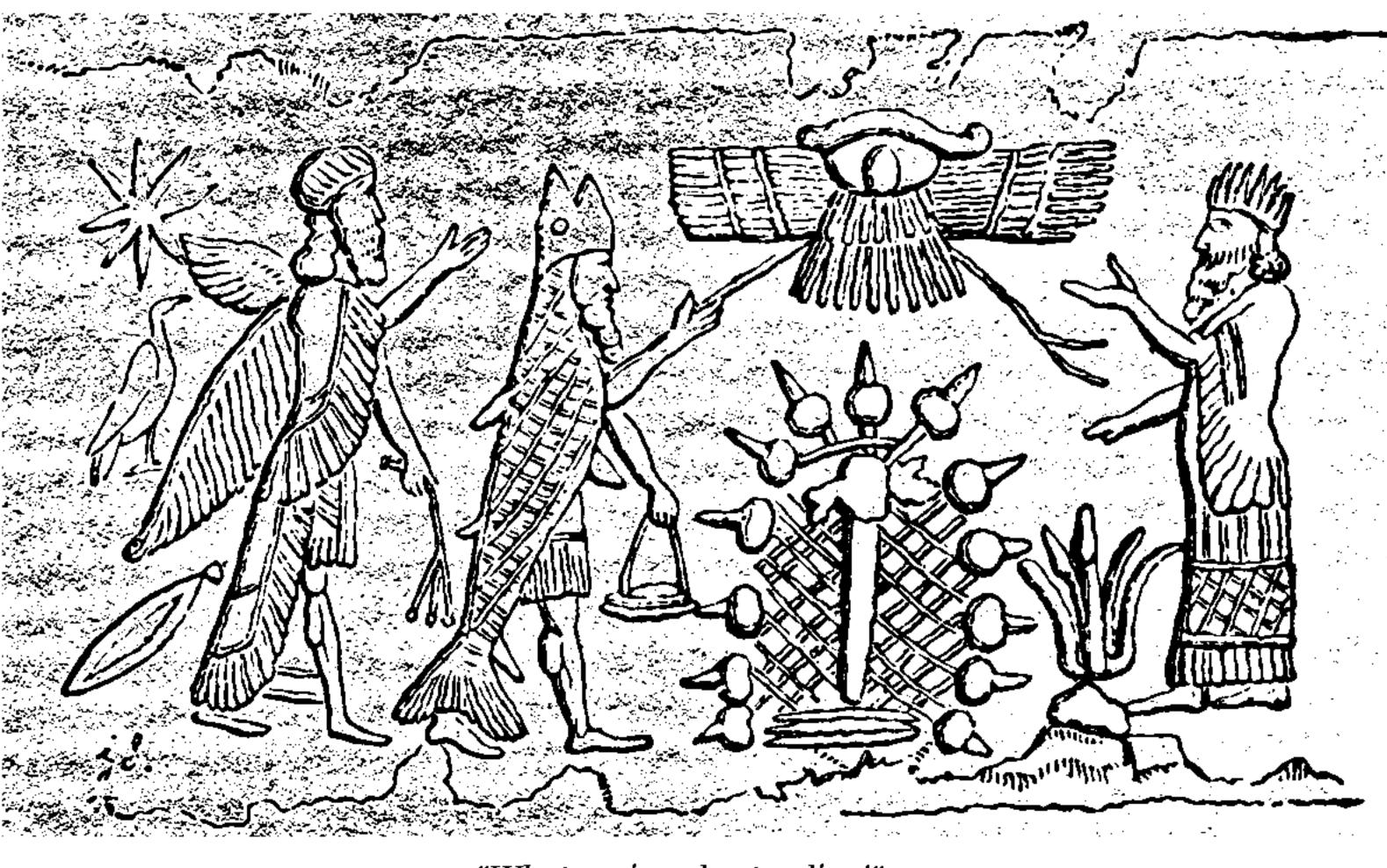


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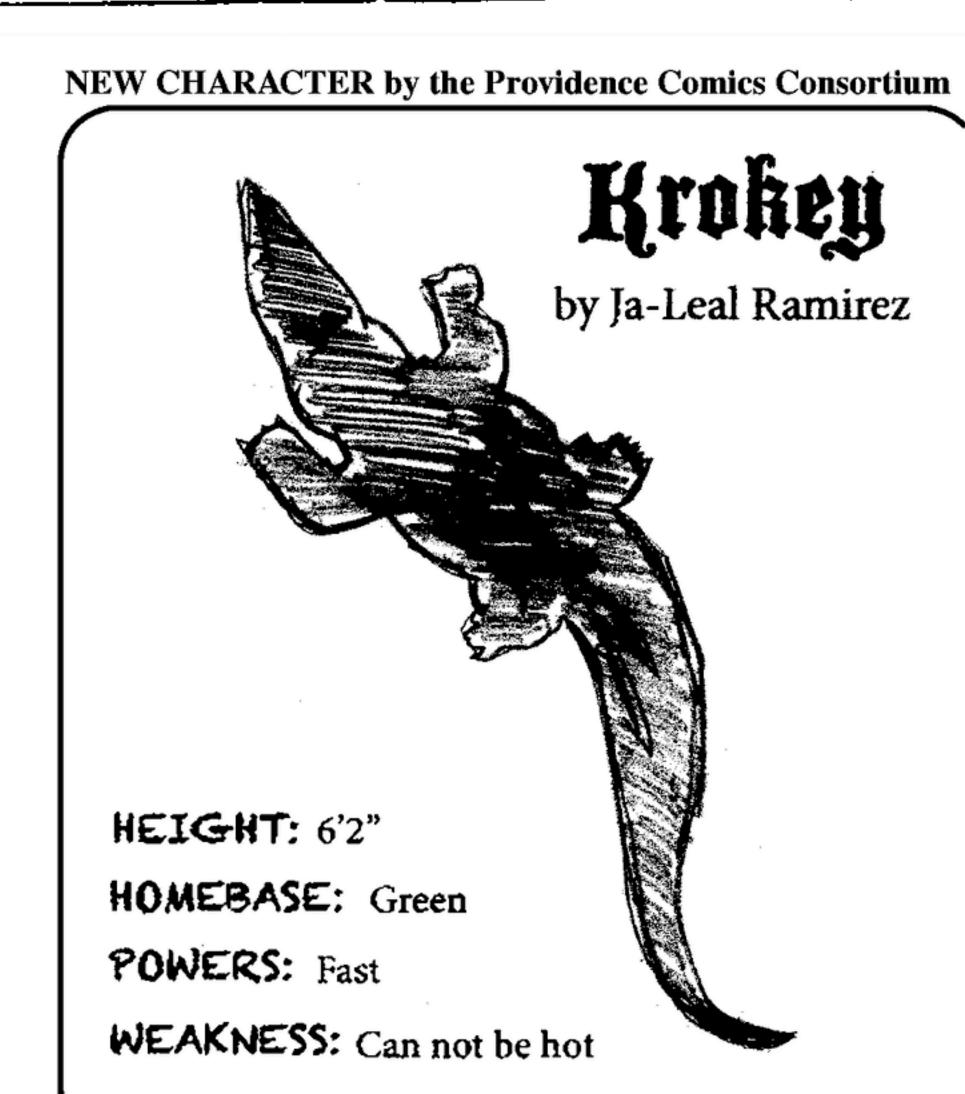
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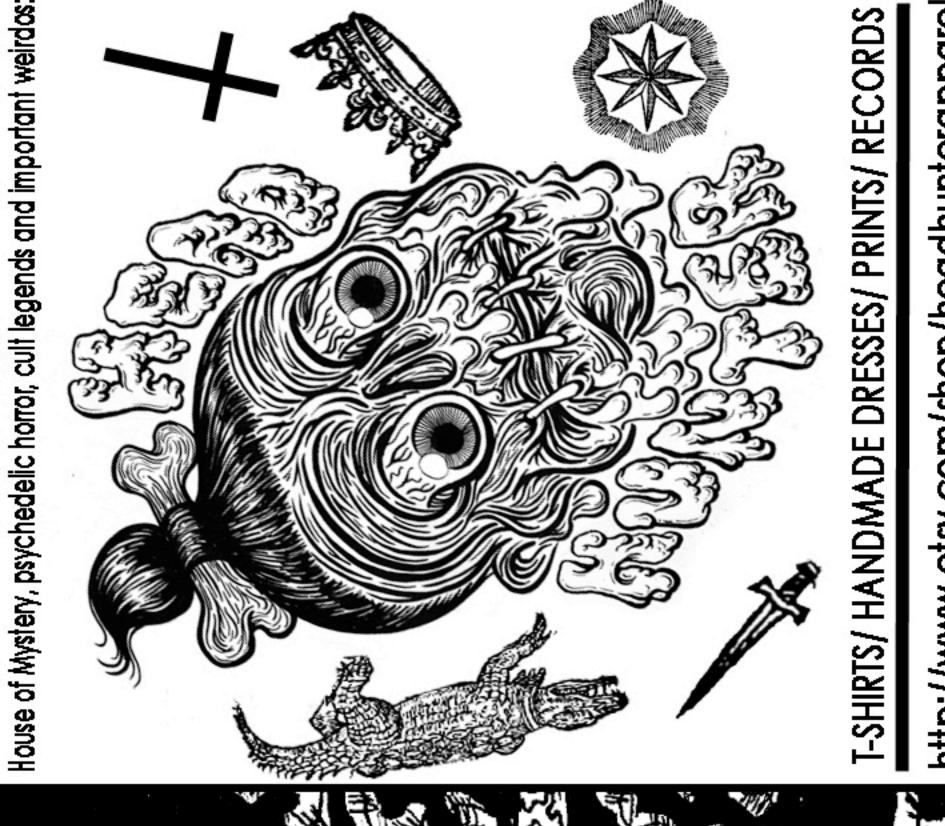


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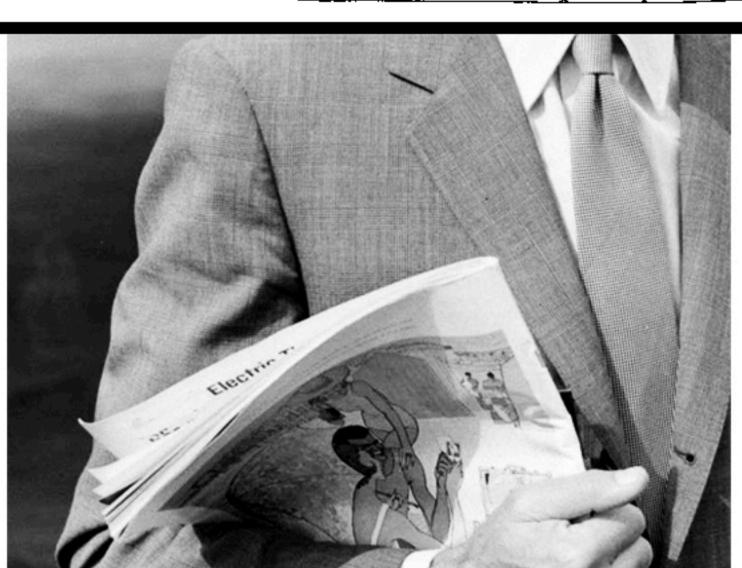


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Ahh another nice vacation... What did you guys do? Did you walk around town picking up the inevitable

margarita remnants left by street-drinking tourists and pour them into a thermos? Did you buy a boogie board

to keep in you partner's truck? Did you get a summer flu and watch endless yawns of downloaded Magnum PI?

I did... it was cool though. I don't know the trick for not falling into a summer bummer (aka a "Sloop John B"),

but I think it's "Stay Medium". Take that to the bank, or near it... Yo speaking of mediumly-done items, I went

to a cool cookout with DAVEY TENSPEED, he brought tons of synth dogs (aka vegetarian hot dogs) so I was

psyched! Call me old fashioned, but I like anything that's pink, hexagonal, glistening, with black parts, under

mustard. "Synth Dogs Don't Puff Out" (C) 2012 Davey. O and speaking of Davey and things not puffing out,

Davey's cat got found, it was standing on top of a church yelling... hahaha been there... Ay there's a new band in

Providence called POWER MASTERS, and (no shit) it features members of the band F THNDR. Hahahaha the

kids are insane!!! Haven't heard them yet, and they're likeable characters but this isn't this kind of like having

longish hair and naming your band "the Liverpool Beagles" in 1965?... On a different level I've been seeing lots

of kids in Providence wearing OBEY gear, yo maybe this is generational (I'm 26 years old) or cultural (I'm a

truly beautiful human princess) but this dude's whole trip is depressing/oppressive! I've taken up jogging (and

boxing) so that I can fulfill my dream of grabbing these OBEY hats and roofing them 100% of the time. [editors

note: Josephine's opinions are her own, but it is also the official policy of Mothers News that we hate Shepard

Fairey, truly the most depressing sportswear maven of the 21st century - we go over every sticker in

Providence]. Sooooooooooooooo my mom's been doing good, thanks for asking. She's got lots of sewing work

going on, and she's got lots of time to hang out with her grandkids (NB: my sister's kids, not mine, that much

should be obvious). My mom's got a cool swearing style that is pretty low-frequency but always goes "[a phrase

involving a swear]! I mean pardon my French, but [again]". So like "What a crock of shit! I mean pardon my

french but what a crock of shit!". Ahhhh so refreshing! And speaking of the kids (my nieces) I saw them the

other day- previously I reported that the older one has a toy dog named BOCA BURGER and an imaginary

friend named WAISTCOAT POCKET. Now I'm happy to report that she named the car "AUDIOBOOK". What

i'm saying is, the kid's a knife. Aaaaand speaking of weird kids, LYNDA BARRY was in town the other day and I

saw her shopping at the upstairs basement bookstore, she's so cool!!!! MATT GROENING was with her but I

didn't know what to say- I'm sure he's a nice guy but "I really like the 6th season of this franchise you

developed" is too nuanced right? Then I left the bookstore and went to another bookstore and they followed

me, and I was like "uh, hello again"... The first bookstore is cool- I think they play public radio so that it's hard

to really concentrate and you don't sit there reading in the store, but there's still a good vibe. But this only

occurred to me because I have CONFIRMED and INSIDE INFORMATION that the other bookstore plays

TERRY RILEY to get the creeps (but not the freaks) to leave the store!!! So if you're ever at the other bookstore

and Terry Riley comes on, look around at the other customers- one of them is a known creep! Aaargh!! And

speaking of music as a weapon, have you noticed that the ice cream truck plays the TETRIS song now? It's a

weird feeling... I think they do this because Tetris is the video game that parents are good at, and when they

hear the song they're like "I'm good at doing kids stuff. Oh hey, ice cream!". Pretty smart, ice cream truck! Uh,

you need mint, call 1 800 JOANNE. Wait that's not gossip that's community bulletin board...

uh....... are on tour together and NORLAN (of

the DTBs) reports that so far (from Barf City RI to North Carolina) they've seen 3 birds, a number so alarming

it gives one pause-- not sure we agree what the word "bird" refers to, Norlan... and speaking of unreliable

narrators, MICKEY Z quit smoking, U GO GIRL. It can be difficult to remap the brain to change what you do

when nervous or bored, but the brain is pretty maleable and a constant kneading and stretching is essential to

good health I'M TOLD so good for you Mickles! AHHHHHH and SPEAKING OF the Z family, MATT Z is in

Mongolia for a few weeks, traveling around with an actual (which is to say real) wizard. Last time him and the

wizard got together he wasn't allowed to cut his nails for 29 days afterwards or "something" would "get him",

but then after that period he became rich (which is to say, rich for Mongolia, aka "Grandfather's car"). What

will happen this time!? There are a lot of people I wouldn't put in the delicate path of a wizard, but Mr Z will be

ok I think, he's rigorous, a real optimum disciple. The rest of you mugs? Hahaha... GOOD LUCK!!!!!

sorry that's not gossip, that's me riffing... what's more gossip... uh, JOANNE has lots of mint in her garden- if

## SHOUTOUTS

mate clogs the sink / secret breakfast after noon / meadows, fix the sink <3

Good luck to Mork So-Tall. If you are reading this and have won the spelling bee, please send \$1T in a bag to The Moon. If not, invent time travel, go back, win, and follow previous instructions.

Welcome to Providence Rémi and Boris! C.

Happy Birthday Nolie!

jbruce and dbruce welcome a new addition, baby Lucia! Grow healthy and strong and enjoy life!

welcome home, NRG!

shoutout to summer's gnome TRACEY TRANCE ~ stack pounds and stay free! - ZOLA

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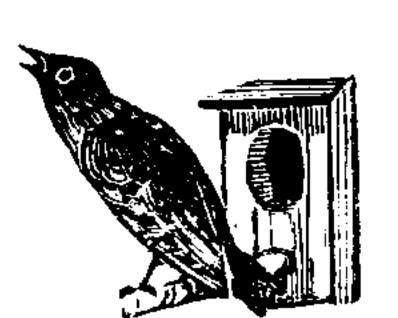
PSSST! Mothers Good Word this month is "INGOT" ("ing-got"). if you need a semi-public password with a 1 month expiration, please use Mothers Good Word

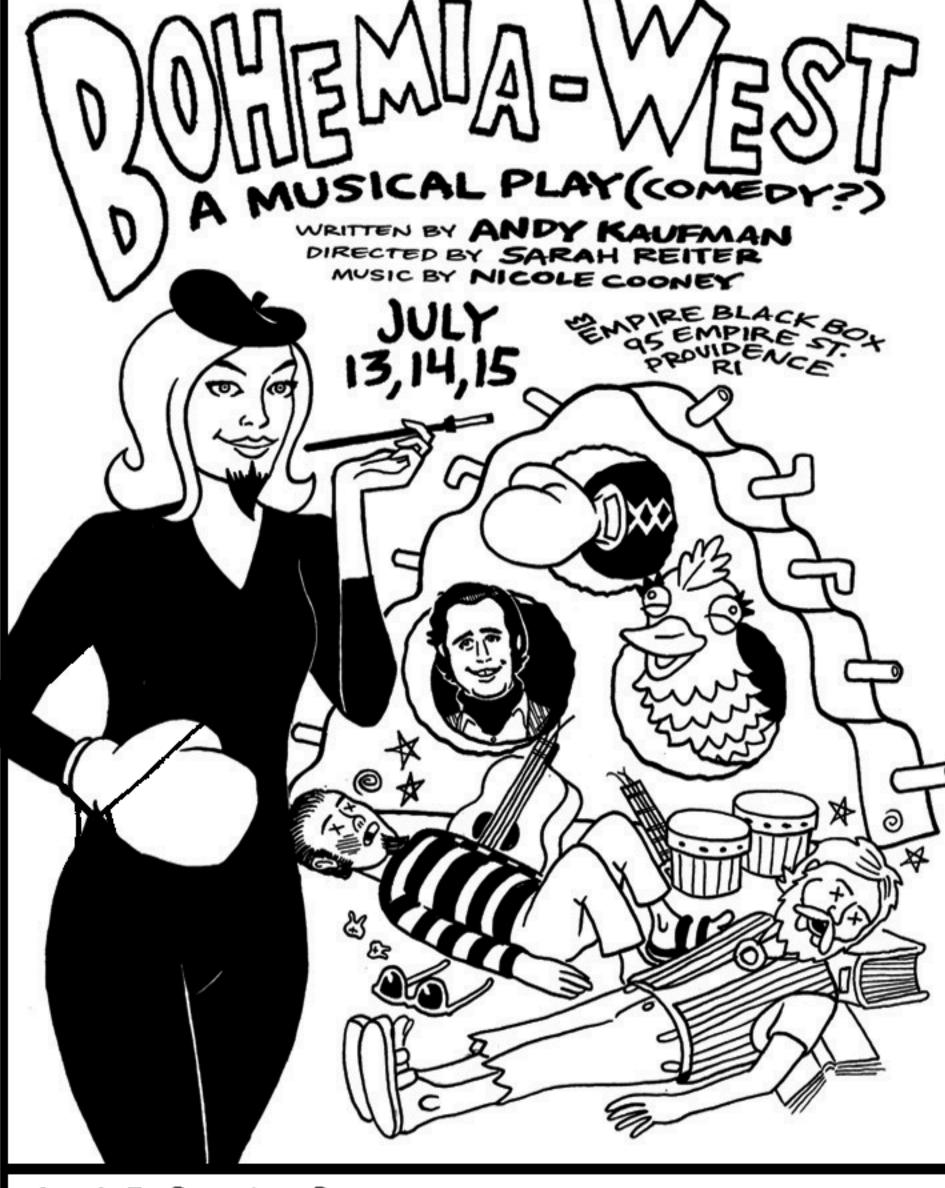
In the May issue of this newspaper we incorrectly reported that an alligator vacation was

who we MISQUOTED (we must remember: "K.I.A.R.B.: Kate Is Always Right Basically").

called an alligator holiday, but it's not, it's called "an alligator vacation". Also we attributed it

to the wrong book- it's from "Monty," by James Stephenson. Our apologies to Kate Schapira,





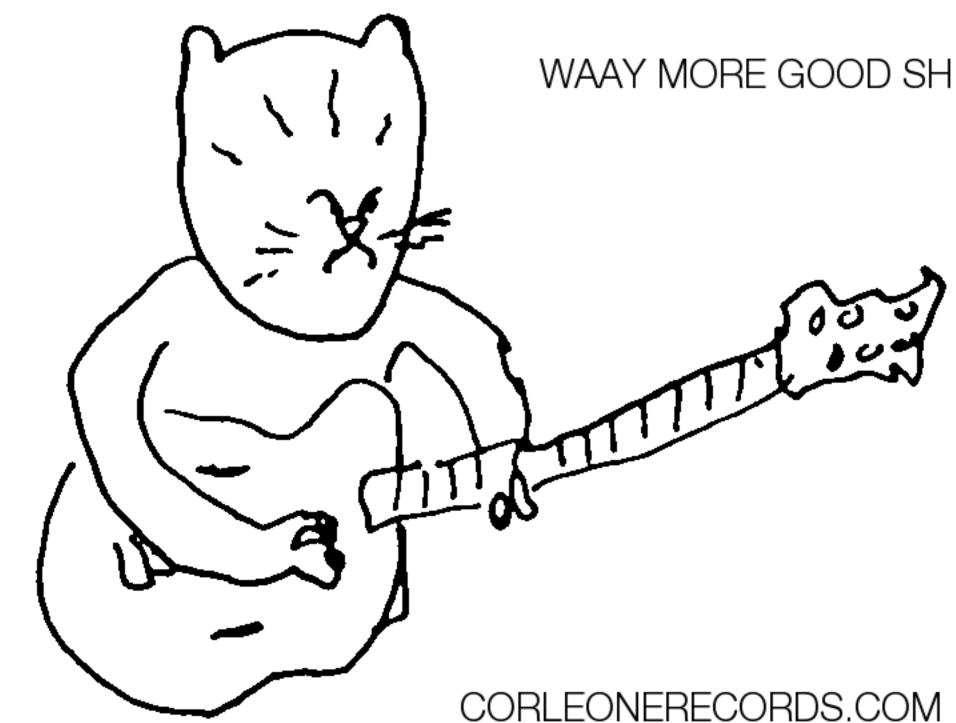
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